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September 28, 2005

VIA EMAIL AND USPS

Robert J. Keegan, Esq.
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RE: NSTAR Gas Load Forecast & Resource Plan, D.T.E. 05-46

Dear Attorney Keegan:

Enclosed please find the second set of information requests issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") in the above-captioned matter. Please submit NSTAR Gas Company's responses to the Department on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2005. If you have any questions regarding the information requests, please contact me at 617-305-3561.

Sincerely,

/s/

Carol M. Pieper
Hearing Officer

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cc: D.T.E. 05-46 Service List (w/encs.)

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**SECOND SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY
TO NSTAR GAS COMPANY, D.T.E. 05-46**

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) submits to NSTAR Gas Company (“NSTAR”) the following Information Requests.

Instructions

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case, and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if NSTAR or its witnesses receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
4. The term “provide complete and detailed documentation” means:

Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting workpapers.
5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.

6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. Please file one copy of the responses with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary of the Department; also submit two (2) copies of the responses to Carol M. Pieper, Hearing Officer, one (1) copy of the responses to Andreas Thanos, Assistant Director, Gas Division, one (1) copy of the responses to Cynthia Bradbury, Analyst, Gas Division, and one (1) copy of the responses to Kenneth Dell Orto, Analyst, Gas Division.
8. In addition to filings, all non-proprietary responses should be submitted by e-mail to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and to the e-mail address of any party required to be served.
9. Responses are due on or before October 13, 2005.

Requests

- DTE-2-1 In accordance with Department directives established in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 03-52 (2004), provide, on disk in Microsoft Excel format, all the data used as inputs in the models, including the forecasted explanatory variables.
- DTE-2-2 Refer to page 1 of the Company's filing (i.e., Executive Summary). Describe whether Global Insight was selected to assist the Company as the result of a competitive bidding process. If yes, please provide a list with the names of the other consultants contacted and an analysis supporting the Company's selection of Global Insight. If no, please discuss why not.
- DTE-2-3 Refer to page 3 of Attachment 3. The Company reports that at the time of the filing, the average NYMEX strip price from November 2005 through March 2006 was \$8.00/dth.
- A) Please update this figure based on the most recent information available. If different, please describe how a higher/lower price would affect the stated conclusions of the standards report.
- B) State at what point any deviation in actual NYMEX strip prices from the \$8.00/dth average becomes significant enough to force the Company to re-examine its conclusions regarding marginal supply cost as well as the conclusions of the standards report in general.

DTE-2-4 Refer to page 3 of Attachment 3. Provide the supporting worksheets and calculations behind the \$11.00/dth estimate of annualized cost of incremental LNG vaporization.

Dated: September 28, 2005